



Live Remote Tournament Remote Judging Guidelines and Processes

Congratulations to your team for earning a spot at Live Remote VEX Worlds 2021! Please read this entire document carefully and follow the links provided to make sure your team is prepared for the judging interview at Live Remote VEX Worlds. All dates in this document are calendar year 2021.

General Information

Judging for Live Remote VEX Worlds will be remote and will follow the [Judge Guide](#) and the [Judge Guide Addendum](#), (except as otherwise noted) including submission of the team's engineering notebook as a link to a Digital Engineering Notebook. It is important the team coach/mentor and team members read and understand these documents, especially the rules and guidelines for remote judging and preparation of the Digital Engineering Notebooks contained in the [Judge Guide Addendum](#).

All judging interviews for Live Remote Tournament events:

- Will be conducted remotely using web conferencing software.
- Will require an adult to be visible with the team at all times. The adult may not participate.
- Will be conducted within a 30 minute assigned time slot.
- Will be evaluated following the Team Interview Rubric in the [Judge Guide](#). Additionally, the teams Digital Engineering Notebook and field performance in the event will be used to make qualitative determinations on judged awards.

The judging interviews will be question/answer format. Teams may not do a presentation in any form including a rehearsed speech, a slide show, presentation of videos or photos, or the like. Teams may have their robot and a printed copy of their engineering notebook available to show judges; this is optional.

All engineering notebooks:

- MUST be submitted as a link to a Digital Engineering Notebook in accordance with the [Judge Guide Addendum](#). A Google Form will be provided to teams to submit their Digital Engineering Notebook and must be submitted within the deadlines below.
- Will be evaluated following the Engineering Notebook Rubric in the [Judge Guide](#).

IMPORTANT! The team's Primary Contact as registered at robotevents.com will receive emails with important information regarding judging and other aspects of Live Remote VEX Worlds. It is important that the team's Primary Contact be the team's coach/mentor or be in direct contact with the coach/mentor. The Primary Contact is responsible for sharing important information to ensure the team's submissions and deadlines are met.

Eligibility & Process for Remote Judging

Digital Engineering Notebook Submission Eligibility

All teams that qualify for a Live Remote Tournament (LRT) event are eligible to submit a Digital Engineering Notebook link, provided the Google Form is submitted within the deadlines below.

Digital Engineering Notebook Submission Process

The team's Primary Contact will receive an email with instructions and a Google Form to submit the link to the team's Digital Engineering Notebook. The Google Form MUST be complete and accurate and MUST be submitted by the deadlines below for the team's Digital Engineering Notebook to be considered for judging. Teams will receive their Google Form as follows:

- For teams that have qualified prior to March 15, the team's Primary Contact will receive the instructions and Google Form by email the week of March 15.
- For teams that qualify after March 15, the team's Primary Contact will receive the instructions and Google Form by email *with their invitation for Live Remote VEX Worlds*.

Note: Submission of a Digital Engineering Notebook link is required to be eligible for the Excellence, Design, and Innovate awards.

What if you have multiple teams in Live Remote VEX Worlds?

If a Primary Team Contact has multiple teams who receive an invitation for Live Remote VEX Worlds, a separate Google Form MUST be completed for EACH team.

Judging Interview Eligibility

While all teams registered for a Live Remote Tournament (LRT) event are eligible to submit a Digital Engineering Notebook, not all teams are eligible for a judging interview. Only the top contenders for judged awards at an LRT event are eligible for a judging interview. Top contenders will be selected qualitatively based on evaluation of the Digital Engineering Notebook following the Engineering Notebook Rubric in the [Judge Guide](#).

Judging Interview Notification

Teams who are finalists for LRT event judged awards will receive an invitation for an interview time that is concurrent with their LRT event:

- This invitation will be sent to the team’s Primary Contact listed in RobotEvents.
- Invitations for VRC judging interviews will be emailed to the Primary Team Contact no later than May 13, 5:00 PM US Central time.
- Invitations for VIQC judging interviews will be emailed to the Primary Team Contact no later than May 20, 5:00 PM US Central time.
- A list of teams that have been selected for a judging interview will be posted on the Judging Finalists tab on the event page at RobotEvents.com according to the dates above.
- Judging interviews for selected teams will be assigned according to the dates below.
- **Assigned interview times are non-negotiable and non-transferrable. Interviews cannot be rescheduled for any reason.**
- Teams arriving late to their judging interview may lose interview time or forfeit the entire judging interview.

Judged Awards

Excellence, Design, Innovate are the Judged Awards offered for LRT events.

Judging Deadlines & Dates

All deadlines and dates are US Central time.

IMPORTANT! Deadlines for submitting the provided Google Form to submit a Digital Engineering Notebook are based on the date the team’s invitation for Live Remote VEX Worlds was issued, **not** the date the team registers. If you receive an invitation but are unsure whether your team will register for the event, you may submit the provided Google Form before your team has registered. If subsequently your team does not register, send an email with your name, email address, program (VRC or VEX IQ Challenge) and your team number/letter with a brief explanation to judging@roboticseducation.org and your interview time will be canceled.

Deadlines for teams to submit the provided Google Form **based on the date the invitation for Live Remote VEX Worlds was issued:**

If your team receives the invitation for Live Remote VEX Worlds:	The Primary Team Contact must submit the provided Google Form:
Prior to March 15	Before Midnight, March 31 (US Central time)
March 15-31	Before Midnight, April 7 (US Central time)
April 1-7	Before Midnight, April 14 (US Central time)
April 8-14	Before Midnight, April 21 (US Central time)
April 15-28	Before Midnight, April 28 (US Central time)

When will judging interviews take place for Live Remote Tournament judged award finalists?

LRT judged award finalist teams will be invited to a judging interview at a time that is concurrent with the LRT event they are participating in but at a time where their LRT division is not running matches. For example, a VRC Middle School judged award finalist team in an LRT AM Division, would be invited to a judging interview during the PM time window. **Assigned interview times are non-negotiable and non-transferrable. Interviews cannot be rescheduled for any reason.**

- **VRC Middle School:** Monday, May 17 - Tuesday, May 18, 2021
- **VRC High School:** Thursday, May 20 - Friday, May 21, 2021
- **VEX IQ Elementary School:** Monday, May 24 - Tuesday, May 25, 2021
- **VEX IQ Middle School:** Thursday, May 27 - Friday, May 28, 2021

If we are selected as an LRT event judged award finalist, how will my team be notified of our interview time and web conferencing link?

The REC Foundation will send each team that is scheduled for a judging interview a confirmation email with the date and time of the interview, as well as the web conferencing link. If the team members are in multiple physical locations for the remote interview, the Primary Contact/Coach must ensure all team members receive the link in a timely manner. Again, the adult Coach or other designated adult must be visibly present for the entire interview.

How will judges conduct the remote interview?

Once the team joins the web conference, the Judge Advisor or REC Foundation staff member will ensure the team's designated adult is present and all other members have joined the web conference. Once the team is completely joined, the entire team will be assigned to a breakout room, with their designated adult, where the judges are waiting to interview the team. Once in the breakout room, the judges will provide additional instructions and conduct the interview. All team members and their designated adults must ensure they arrive at the web conference on time and have a viable internet connection.

*****The Judging Interviews may not be recorded in any form by any party.*****

Questions?

If you have questions after reading this entire document and all the linked documents, please reach out to your Regional Support Manager for assistance. Coaches may also post judging questions on the [Official Judging Q&A](#).